recently introduced a new technology for making steel in its Bokaro plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and to what extent it is likely to improve its quality?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Research and Development Centre of SAIL has sucessfully introduced the combined blowing technology at Bokaro Steel Plant under a UNDP developmental programme. Trial runs were successfully conducted in one converter from 25th August, 1986.

(b) The process consists of injecting oxygen from the top and inert gas from the bottom. Preliminary results indicate improvement in steel making operations, reduced ferro-alloy consumption and improvement in the yield of steel by 0.5 to 1 per cent. It is also expected that the process will improve the quality of steel. Detailed and exact evaluation of the process will be carried out after stabilisation of the operations through sustained trials and usage.

SAIL also propose to introduce the combined blowing technology in all the combined blowing technology in all the converters at Bokaro, Bhilai and Rourkela in a phased manner.

Discovery of Kimberlite in Andhra Pradesh

1126. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new kimberlite, which is the primary source of diamonds has recently been discovered in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. Two new Kimberlite pipes have recently been discovered in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Two Kimberite pipes have been found, one near Venkatampalle and the other near Lattavaram Tande by National Geography Research Institute and Geological Survey of India respectively. Initial treatment of samples have indicated that the pipes are diamond bearing. Further work by GSI to determine the incidence of diamonds in the two pipes is in progress.

National Water Supply and Urban Development Bank

1127. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Water Supply and Urban Development Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) With a view to extending technical help and guidance as well as long-term finance to municipal bodies and local authorities in the country for the formulation and implementation of Urban Infrastructure Development Projects relating to water supply, sewage, sanitation and other urban services, a proposal to set up an Urban Development and Urban Water Supply Financing Corporation is under the consideration of Government. In the Central sector of the Seventh Five Year Plan, there is a total provision of Rs. 55 crores for the setting up of this Corporation.

Captive Power Plants for Private Mining Projects

1128. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a proposal to make it mandatory for all major private sector mining projects in the country to